following hotels in the private sectors:—

1. Hotel at Pune.
2. Hotel at Hyderabad.
3. Hotel at Cochin.
4. Hotel at Kolhapur.
5. Beach Resort at Goa.
6. Hotel Ratnada, Jodhpur.

(b) None of the ITDC establishments has been transferred to the private sector.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Establishment of an Aquarium at Digha, West Bengal

1019. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September 1986, includes the establishment of an Aquarium at Digha at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.97 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project; and

(c) what steps have been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The inistry of Environment and Forests have approved a scheme for the establishment of a Marine Aquarium-cum-Research Centre at Digha in Midnapore District (West Bengal) by the Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta (ZSI). The objectives of the scheme are to exhibit live marine fauna in the aquarium for educational and recreational purposes and for research on selected marine forms.

Land measuring 2.63 hectares has been provided to the ZSI by the Government of West Bengal on lease. ZSI have constructed a boundary wall. The CPWD have already initiated action for the construction work.

The project is expected to become operational by June, 1990.

Banning of Strikes in Public Sector Units

1020. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned strikes in some public sector units which render essential services;

(b) if so, what are the details of such units;

(c) whether medical services is considered as an esential service and whether the Essential Services Maintenance Act is applicable to Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not declaring the strikes by the doctors and nurses as illegal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In exercise of the powers available under the Essential Service Maintenance Act, 1981, orders have been issued by the Central Government prohibiting strikes in any service under each of the following public sector undertakings since November,, 1986:

(i) Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

(ii) Food Corporation of India.

(c) Any service in any hospital or dispensary in any Union Territory, cantonment area or undertaking owned or controlled by the Central Government is an essential service under the Act.

(d) In exercise of the powers available under the Essential Service Maintenance Act, 1981, Delhi Administration issued a notification on 10th November, 1986 prohibiting strikes in any service in or in connection with the working of hospitals or dispensaries in the Union Territory of Delhi. The notification was valid upto 9th February, 1987.

1021. [*Transferred to the 30th April*, 1987].

Change of religion by Indians working in Arab Countries

1022. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian nationals have applied to the Indian Diplomatic Missions in 1985 and 1986 in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Muscat, Baharain and Iran for changing names in their passports because of change of religion from Hinduism and Christianity to Islam;

(b) how many of them were women; and

(c) whether any of these countries gives monetary or other incentives to people who embrace Islam and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected from the concerned Indian Missions and Posts abroad and the same will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Indian Board for Wildlife

1023. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Indian Board for Wildlife was constituted;

(b) what are the names of the members of the Board and what are the functions of the Board;

(c) what are the major recommendations made by the Board during the last three years;

(d) to what extent these recommendations have been implemented; and

(e) what are the details of the expert committees constituted by the Board for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Indian Board for Wildlife was initially constituted in the year 1952.

(b) The names of the present members of the Board, appointed in 1985. and the functions of the Board, are given in Statement-I. (*See* below.)

(c) and (d) The major recommendations of the Board at the only meeting during the last three years and the action taken thereon, are in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) The Board has constituted three Expert Committees on (1) Birds (2) Zoos and (3) Flora.